

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of K.F.K., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

CHERYL KARN,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CECIL KARN,

Respondent.

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January 14, 2003

No. 242663

Cass Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-000337

In the Matter of J.N.K., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

CHERYL KARN,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CECIL KARN,

Respondent.

No. 242664

Cass Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-000338

In the Matter of A.D.L., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

CHERYL KARN,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CECIL KARN,

Respondent.

No. 242665
Cass Circuit Court
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LC No. 01-000339

Before: Meter, P.J., and Neff and Donofrio, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

In these consolidated appeals, respondent appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to her three minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g). We affirm.

After thoroughly reviewing the record, we are satisfied that the trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory ground for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989); *In re Vasquez*, 199 Mich App 44, 51; 501 NW2d 231 (1993). Our review of the record reveals that for a significant period of time respondent received highly intensive services from two separate counties to prevent the dissolution of her family. However, despite all of the efforts provided in respondent's home, respondent failed to maintain a safe and healthy home for her children, failed to make any improvements in her parenting skills, failed to nurture her children, and refused to take any individual responsibility for the ultimate decision to remove her children from her home entirely. We find that the record is abundantly clear that respondent's family was provided with superior services including a highly motivated staff at her disposal for a considerable period of time, and without regard to intent, respondent was not any closer to providing a stable, healthy home environment for her three children at the close of the proceedings as she was when the Family Independence Agency ("FIA") initially became involved with respondent's family.

Considering respondent's lack of insight, inability to take personal responsibility, and overall lack of motivation to make any changes in her living situation, we find it was clear that respondent would not be in a position to provide proper care and support for her children within a reasonable time considering the children's ages. Unless there exists clear evidence, on the whole record, that termination is not in the children's best interests, the trial court must issue an

order terminating parental rights. *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 354; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). In other words, in the instant case, the record revealed clear evidence that termination was in the children's best interests, as such, the trial court correctly ordered termination of respondent's parental rights. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo, supra*, at 356-357.

Affirmed.

/s/ Patrick M. Meter

/s/ Janet T. Neff

/s/ Pat M. Donofrio